



Legislative
Services Agency

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Emergency Services Interim Study Committee

January 29, 2007

Third and Final Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Tom Hancock, Co-chairperson
Senator Pat Ward, Co-chairperson
Senator Jeff Danielson
Senator Dave Mulder

Representative Geri Huser
Representative Roger Thomas
Representative David Tjepkes
Representative Philip L. Wise

MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business.
- II. Committee Discussion.
- III. Materials Distributed and on File With the Legislative
Services Agency— Legal Services Division.



Emergency Services Interim Study Committee

I. Procedural Business.

Call to Order. Co-chairperson Ward called the third and final meeting of the Emergency Services Interim Study Committee to order at 10:09 a.m., Monday, January 29, 2007, in Room 22 of the State Capitol Building.

Minutes. The Committee approved the minutes of the November 13, 2006 meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting day recessed for a fire alarm at 11:02 a.m., reconvened at 11:32 a.m., and adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

II. Committee Discussion.

Information Received by the Committee. Co-chairperson Hancock presented several different matters that were discussed by the Committee members. The matters included the urban search and rescue teams, continued support for regional training centers, colocation of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) and the Fire Service Training Bureau (FSTB), communications interoperability, unified public safety structure, and Iowa Code changes to allow for regionalization of emergency services. The Committee also received a report from Mr. Randy Novak, FSTB, regarding issues of regional training centers and colocation of various entities.

Recommendations. The Committee adopted the following recommendations at the January 29, 2007 meeting:

A. That the General Assembly continue its support for the regional training centers, which are the currently identified community colleges, and for fiscal year 2008-2009 appropriate \$3.3 million to \$5.2 million from the infrastructure budget for the purposes of such regional training centers.

B. That FSTB establish by rule a priority system for access to mobile training units in regions with partnered community colleges.

C. That the Legislative Council be requested to appoint a joint committee to monitor a comprehensive study to be commenced by the Department of Administrative Services on or before February 15, 2007, to determine if any or all of the following agencies should merge their training functions into one centralized facility:

- Fire Service Training Bureau.
- Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.
- Department of Public Health's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.
- Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division.



This study should focus on determining the following:

- How much land is needed and what are the types, numbers, and square footage requirements for needed buildings, structures, and other improvements at the colocated facility.
- What locations/sites appear to be best suited to house a colocated facility.
- Based on identified needs for buildings, structures, and other improvements, what is the estimated cost of constructing a colocated facility.
- Provide conceptual drawings/schematics for the buildings, structures, and other improvements that would be needed for a colocated facility.

D. That the General Assembly authorize three of four pilot projects whereby a county may voluntarily establish a benefited regional response district.

III. Materials Distributed and on File With the Legislative Services Agency -- Legal Services Division.

The following materials listed were distributed at or in connection with the meeting and are filed with the Legislative Services Agency. The materials may be accessed from the <Additional Information > link on the Committee's internet page:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Committees/Committee.aspx?id=152>

1. Fire Service Training Bureau, Report to the Emergency Services Interim Study Committee.

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